

City Manager's Office

December 16, 2015

To: City Council
From: City Manager
Re: Weekly Report

Economic Development

- On Friday, December 11, 2015 Mayor Kaplan and ACM, Michael Matthias attended the Public Sector Economic Development Summit for Elected Officials, sponsored by Microsoft and the Seattle Chamber, held at the Microsoft Conference Center in Redmond and organized by Challenge Seattle, King County and City of Seattle. The goals of the Conference were:
 - Provide an orientation of our regional economic development strengths, challenges and strategies;
 - Learn how our region's global competitiveness compares to peer regions;
 - Understand our region's economic development landscape - both current regional economic development efforts and developing opportunities;
 - Determine how the public sector can better collaborate to advance a shared and sustainable prosperity

County Executive Dow Constantine and Mayor Ed Murray each made presentations and there were a number of table exercises to facilitate discussion among electeds on economic development issues. Challenge Seattle is made up of the state's largest corporations and has raised \$15 million and former Gov. Gregoire is the leader of this group to increase economic development activities in the region.

Police Department

- The 1st Annual Shop with A Cop will be taking place today 12/16/15 at the Fred Meyer on Pacific Highway and South 252nd Street.
- The Department provided assistance to the Fire District in its response to the house fire at the former Ono's Nursery located on South 216th Street just west of Safeway on Sunday, December 6th. Tragically, Mr. Yosh Ono died in the fire.

Park, Recreation and Senior Services

- The City Council adopted the Park, Recreation, and Senior Services Master Plan at the December 3rd Council meeting. A big thank you for a job well done for Patrice Thorell, Park, Recreation, and Senior Services Director and Janet Best, Administrative Assistant, for their efforts throughout the past year to get this project done!
- The tree that fell during the recent wind storm onto the Field House field has been removed by the Highline School District. The tree was located on Des Moines Elementary School property.
- The Department held its annual Breakfast with Santa event last Saturday and it was a sellout. Attendance was double that of last year.
- The Beach Park Picnic Shelter/Restroom project is getting started with a cultural survey of the facility.

Planning, Building, and Public Works Department

- The SEPA decision for SeaScape (southwest corner of Marine View Drive and South 226th Street) was issued on Monday, November 30th. The 15 day comment period ended on Tuesday, December 15th. We received several comment letters. The 10 day appeal period ends on December 28th.
- An open house on the SR 509 extension project will be held at Highline Community College on Thursday, December 17th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Building 2. The SR 509 Executive Committee and Steering Committee have started meeting again to allow us and other city and regional representatives to stay up-to-date with the project.

Legal

- Legal continues to work on several public records requests, including the massive request we received for all City records.
- The Department is working with the Finance Department on several changes to Title 3 of the Des Moines Municipal Code that will be presented to the City Council in January. These are in addition to the changes that are before the City Council for approval at the December 17th Council meeting.

Information Technology

- Our It Manager is discussing how the City can respond to the massive public records request with the requester, Tim Clemans.

Marina

- The Harbormaster was contacted by a representative of the Washington Scuba Alliance regarding a project that they would like to facilitate to create an artificial reef with an underwater sculpture off the shore of Saltwater State Park. The reef and sculpture would be at the -90 feet level of the Sound. The WSA representative would like to set up a meeting in January with potential partners to include someone from Highline College's MaST Center.

Court

- Effective Jan 1, 2016 the State Supreme court rule GR 31.1 mandates that all Washington Courts must adopt a record retention schedule. It also requires the Court to enter into an MOU with the Executive Branch and establish policy and procedures. The Judge and her staff have been working on this since August. We will be consistent with the State's record retention schedule. Staff will bring this to Council in January.